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OLD TIMERS NIGHT

Ed Gable K2MP/W2AN

Early TV Techniques and History will be the subject of RaRa's annual and popular Old Timers Night, May 2nd at 8:00 p.m., featuring Ed Gable K2MP/W2AN. In the March, 2003, RaRa Rag, Ed told the story of the successful recreation of the 1928 event where John Logie Baird sent the first television signal across the Atlantic. John Baird is credited with the growth of television from those early days, but he was not alone as experimenters were busy in the US, Germany, France, and Russia independently making similar progress. You will learn of

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RaRa ANNUAL MEETING

MAY 2, 2003

8:00 PM

**HENRIETTA FIRE HALL
3129 E. HENRIETTA RD.**

OLD TIMERS NIGHT

Presented by

Ed Gable K2MP/W2AN

ROCHESTER HAMFEST

MAY 30-31 and JUNE 1, 2003

Harold Smith, K2HC, General Chairman

The 69th annual Rochester Hamfest combined with the Atlantic Division Convention is almost here. It will be held at the Monroe County Fairgrounds on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 30-31 and June 1.

There are hamfests scheduled virtually every weekend around the nation throughout the year. Most are of the half-day flea market variety. Rochester area amateurs are fortunate to have one of the largest hamfests in the nation in their own back yard. There are only a handful of events the size of the Rochester Hamfest.

In addition to a huge flea market, there are national commercial exhibitors, programs and seminars, amateur testing, an awards banquet, and many other special events.

Plan now to attend a terrific weekend of amateur radio events. Tell your out of town friends we have a special negotiated rate of only \$69 for hotel rooms at hamfest headquarters, the Holiday Inn Rochester South.

Tickets available at the gate are only \$9 (U.S.). A 200 sq. ft. (10'x20') flea market parking space is only \$10 (U.S.). Multiple spaces must be purchased for larger vehicles or

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THE PREZ SAYS....

Mary Kay Vesco KC2DPG

It's time once again for our annual elections, held at the May 2nd, 2003 General Membership Meeting. Normally at the April Meeting, the nomination committee announces their nominees for Officers: Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer and nominees for the Board of Directors. In addition, we hold open nominations from RaRa members. Being we had a major ice storm, the April General Meeting was canceled. Our May issue of the RaRa Rag, as usual, contains the bios for the nomination committee nominees. Please read them and keep in mind that if you would like to nominate a RaRa member for one of the offices or as a Board member, we will still take nominations from the floor at the May meeting before we actually commence with voting. Our elections are a very important part of RaRa, please come and cast your vote!

It gives me much pleasure to announce the appointment of Greg Michels, KC2GXV, as Emergency Education Coordinator by the Education Director, Keith Freeberg, N2BEL. Greg is highly qualified for this appointment as he has been very active with the local ARES/RACES organization. He also holds the ARRL Level II Emergency Communications Certification.

Summer is quickly approaching, as is the Rochester Hamfest. As RaRa is the Host of this ARRL sanctioned event, please show your support by coming to the Rochester Hamfest and bring as many guests as you can. With the Current events, this is a great time to spark new interest in this fascinating hobby we enjoy. It would be wonderful for our Rochester Hamfest to be bigger and better than last year. As always, everyone is welcome to attend the Friday night banquet dinner. As traditions go, the official gavel will be passed from the Outgoing President, that's me, KC2DPG to the incoming President, George, AA2FO. The Scholarship award is also presented to the winner. Hope to see everyone at the Dinner and at the Hamfest. Starts Friday May 30th, 2003 and ends on Sunday June 1st, 2003.

After the Rochester Hamfest, is our Annual Picnic, the final meeting till the new season starts in September. This is a great social event with lots of free food. RaRa provides the

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RaRa inc. ANNUAL MEETING

Ray Pickens WA2MYG

Each year the annual meeting for RaRa is held in May. This meeting is used for the purpose of electing the Officers, Board of Directors, and setting the dues structure for the following year. Therefore it is important for each member to attend this meeting. Not only that, but after the business portion of the meeting you will enjoy the Old Timer's Night being presented by Ed Gable, K2MP/W2AN.

The following is a letter that was sent to MaryKay Vesco KC2DPG from the nominations committee and should have been read at the cancelled April meeting, nominations are still open from the floor, and will be open until just prior to voting at the May meeting.

RaRa NOMINATION COMMITTEE

REPORT

Ray Pickens (chairman)	WA2MYG
Warren Boudrie	AA2LQ
Peter Fournia	W2SKY
MaryKay Vesco (president)	KC2DPG

Officers Nominated:

VP:	Brad Armstrong	W1YX
Secretary:	Bob Roberts	WA2QAU
Treasurer:	Dick Goslee	K2VCZ

BOD Nominated:

Dale Fravel	N2LWY
Keith Freeberg	N2BEL
Ed Holdsworth	N2EH
Bill Hopkins	AA2YV
George Masny	KA2GPJ
Ray Pickens	WA2MYG
Bill Shaw	N2EKR

By Laws:

Officers and BOD serve a term of 1 year until the next annual meeting maximum of 7. Members call for nominations at April meeting Elections at Annual Meeting in May.

Nomination committee composed of 3 full members to nominate a slate at the Annual Meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT:

Brad Armstrong W1YX

My first license grant from the FCC was in April of 1993 as a Technician, N2UNV. I passed my code exam two years later and worked my way up to Extra in the summer of 2001. Over the years I have been involved in various public service events, the highlight of which was working the command center at the Airshow a few years back. I've participated in

a few contests, including a number of Field Days, which I enjoyed as much for the challenge of operating under temporary, portable field conditions as for the thrill of being the center of a pileup. I've also been active as a net control on several local repeaters, most recently for the Monroe County FM Net and ARES/RACES. Most of my club involvement has been with the RRRA, culminating with 2 years as Club Secretary and participation on the Technical Committee. I took over ownership of the 147.18 repeater last year and am nearly finished with a major rework of the equipment. Current memberships are in RaRa, RRRA, and the ARRL. I would like to see amateur radio in our area be better prepared to fulfill our vital role of moving information when all other forms of communication fail. I also have a strong interest in finding ways to increase the opportunities for Elmering and involvement of new hams so that amateur radio remains an active part of our community.

Treasurer:

DICK GOSLEE, K2VCZ

First licensed in 1956 as KN2VCZ, I now hold an Extra class license. I've been a member of RaRa for 22 years and have served on the Board of Directors for the last 19 years. I'm a past President and have been serving as RaRa Treasurer since 1987. I've taught theory for the Novice/Tech class for RaRa for 5 years and have also taught the Advanced class. I'm the Editor of the annual RaRa Directory, and a member of the K2JD Engraving Team.

I'm employed as the Director of Engineering for Quality Protections Systems, a manufacturer of Lightning Warning Systems for golf courses, and combining my love of Drag Racing with employment and am also employed as an IHRA Certified Technical Inspector and the Chief Starter at NY International Raceway Park, in Leicester, NY, and also work at Norwalk Raceway Park in Norwalk, Ohio. In addition I'm an Associate Editor of "Drag Racing News" a monthly publication. When I can find some free time I enjoy working on my new hilltop cabin (around the corner from the VHF Group contest site, but 50ft. higher) with my wife Susan (N2HKA) and my daughters Karen (KB2CHE) and Cathie (KB2ESZ).

BOD:

Dale Fravel, N2LWY

I was born in Rochester and currently liv

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ing in the town of Greece. I am married with a 14 13-year-old son and enjoy spending time with my family and as a soccer dad. Graduated from Greece Olympia high school and We-Mo-Co Occupational School in Spencerport with a major in electronics and model shop.

I have been interested in electronics and radio for over 30 years, starting with short-wave and CB radio. Moved into commercial two-way radios, military communications and on into ham radio, obtaining Tech license in 1991 upgraded to General Class license in 2000. I am a third generation amateur with a large family history of amateur radio, including my grandfather, W8COJ/W2COJ, who operated from the 1930's to early 1950's, and my dad who is currently N2OTC. A lot of aunts, uncles and cousins are also involved in the hobby.

Past employers include Tel-Page, ENI, Scientific Radio System, and Eastman Kodak. Currently employed for the last 21 years at Harris RF Communications Division. Within Harris, have held various positions including Factory Technician, Field Specialist, and currently as a Senior Customer Service Technical Representative. As a Field Specialist, over 10 years was spent traveling worldwide installing, repairing and customer training on HF, VHF and UHF communications equipment and systems. As a Technical Representative I troubleshoot, repair military and commercial HF, VHF and UHF radio equipment and associated equipment. Over the years I have worked on everything from dc to light, from microwatts to 10 kilowatts.

I'm a railroad enthusiast spending time trackside and as a volunteer at the local NHRS museum, and Webmaster for the rochester.railfan.net and n2lwy.com Internet sites. Currently running two 440 repeaters, N2OTC/R & and W2RFC/R, sitting on and former owner of the B.O.D. for RaRa and secretary – treasurer for Harris's ham club RFCAR-CN2LWY Greece two-meter repeater.

BOD:

Keith Freeberg, N2BEL

I have served RaRa since 1980 in many capacities including two terms as President. My focus continues to be on public service and youth oriented outreach. Under my guidance as Director for Youth Programs, the Radio Coaches Program (a premier program nation-

ally) is just ending its seventh semester of service to Rochester Middle Schools, the Ham Radio Venture Group has completed its second season with 19 students enrolled and, new this year, a youth oriented license class with the Civil Air Patrol. New this year is the Ham Radio Venture Group, serving youth 14 - 20, and is showing a bright future. Each of these programs owes its existence to the fine men and women of Amateur Radio who have donated an hour here and there (totaling many hours) to keep these programs operating. My hat is off to these men and women who do the real work of making it happen. Thank You!

BOD:

Ed Holdsworth, N2EH

I have lived in the town of Mendon since I was released from active duty with the Navy in 1954. Joyce and I have five sons, four who live in this area and one that lives with his family in Western Colorado.

I was first licensed in 1968 with the call WN2EKR and now hold the Extra class license with the call N2EH. I have been active in RaRa since I got my first license and have served RaRa for the past thirty-two years. I have served as Secretary, Vice-President and President and have been on the Board of Directors for thirty one years. I have assisted with the license class since I was first licensed, first as an assistant and then as director for several years. I also planned and coordinated several camping weekends each year during the 1970's and 1980's when we had more activities than we presently have. I am presently the Assistant General Chairman of the Rochester Hamfest and have worked on the Hamfest for the past thirty-three years. I am also the Emergency Coordinator for ARES and the RACES Radio Officer for Monroe County. I am the trustee of our club station K2JD, a post that I have held since 1971. The station has grown over the years since it got the first piece of equipment, a Heathkit HW-16. It now has two HF stations, one 6 Meter station, 6 VHF stations on 2 meters, 220 and 450, 4 packet stations and an ATV repeater. The station now includes the new location at the new EOC on Scottsville Road as well as the original station at 111 Westfall Road. There is also, a great deal of peripheral gear at these locations. I am also a life member of RaRa, ARRL, Amsat, as well as a member of QCWA.

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BOD:**Bill Hopkins, AA2YV**

Bill Hopkins, AA2YV (ex K7NPF); Membership: ARRL, RaRa, AWA, 10-10. RaRa board member since 2001; board member: Museum of the Antique Wireless Association since 2002; RaRa Rag contributor (ham experiences; repairing old gear; troubleshooting articles from German amateur magazine, "Funkamateuer.")

It is important to move ahead in our club's core values: youth program development; meaningful ham activities for members; revitalization of the club station (Westfall Road) and its many uses; quality Rag articles; active public-service activities; club member enlargement. A qrp-rig builder and boat-anchor tinkerer. I believe that reasoned "thinking outside the box" can keep a club healthy and help it grow.

BOD:**George Masny KA2GPJ**

I'm the current RaRa Membership Chairman and a two-year veteran of the RaRa Board of Directors, holding a General Class license, and managed to keep my call active since 1975 in spite of being married and helping my wife raise 3 wonderful kids. I've been fiddling with radios since 1957, when I used a toilet paper roll core to wind the coil for a crystal set. The radio worked great - it picked up a lot of Spanish speaking stations, which was not much of a surprise as I was living in Buenos Aires at the time. My first ham radio experience was in 1965 when a neighborhood Elmer in NYC introduced me to the joys of working DX on 15 and chewing the rag on 2M AM using a Benton Harbor lunch box.

Recently, digital modes have been my primary interest, and for the past 19 years or so, have been operating packet radio and maintaining the Kodak Park node (KPARK) and BBS (ROCBBS-WB2WXQ). I'm currently the last elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Kodak Park Amateur Radio Club, a member of the Rochester Amateur Packet Society and trustee for the RAPS APRS digipeater KB2WYA, and last, but not least, maintains the **RaRa-General** and **RochesterSpecialEvents** e-mail reflectors on <http://groups.yahoo.com/> Stop by and sign in sometime!

BOD:**Ray Pickens WA2MYG**

I was first licensed as a Novice March 1977, upgraded to Technician at the 1977 Rochester Hamfest. remained a Technician until I was grandfathered to General April 2000 then upgraded to Extra May 2001.

Over the years I've been very active in RRRA (Rochester Radio Repeater Assoc.), primary control station for the 146.28/88 K2RRRA/R since 1978, Charter Corporate RRRA President 1981-82, RRRA Membership Chairman 1982-95, ran the Hamfest talk-in station 1980-95, member (not very active) in the Rochester VHF Group 1977 to present, the Genesee Repeater Assoc. 1977 to present, ARRL 1977 to present QCWA 2002 to present, and RaRa 1977 to present. I'm the current RaRa License class Director, Editor of the RaRa RAG, and active with the RaRa (ARRL and LARC) and Kodak (W5YI) VE teams.

BOD:**Bill Shaw N2EKR**

I was first licensed in 1976 as WB2JSD as a Novice. In 1978, as my Novice license was due to expire I decided to upgrade to Technician in Buffalo. In 2000, I was grandfathered into General Class. All of my radio activity has been on VHF or UHF. I was one of the original group who helped Fred, W2DUC, get packet radio going and who met at the Village Café in Fairport every Saturday morning for coffee and goodies to discuss and cuss packet radio problems. I've recently picked up an Icom 706 Mark II G. When I get it mounted in my car, I'll then be on the low bands.

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that, more of the 1928 event recreation and other interesting facts from the very early TV days via a slide program and hardware from the AWA Museum.

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space used. Tickets for the Friday evening May 30 awards banquet at the Holiday Inn Rochester South are only \$20 (U.S.). A registration ticket must be held or purchased with your banquet ticket.

Additional details are at your disposal on the web site: www.rochesterhamfest.org. The information contained on that site is updated daily.

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Harold Smith, K2HC

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Rochester Hamfest and

Computer Show Combined with the Atlantic Division ARRL Convention

May 30-31 June 1, 2003

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CONVENTION TIMETABLE

Friday, May 30:

6:00 a.m.-Outdoor Flea Market Open *
12:00 noon-5:30 p.m. Exhibit Hall Open
3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Programs
6:30 p.m.-Annual Awards Banquet

Saturday, May 31:

8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Exhibit Hall Open
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Programs

Sunday, June 1:

8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. - Exhibit Hall Open
12:30 p.m. - GRAND AWARD

* Outdoor Flea Market runs continuously all weekend.

ANTIQUE WIRELESS ASSOC. 2003 SPRING MEET

Bob Roberts WA2QAU

The AWA Museum of Electronic Communication in Bloomfield, NY invites all interested amateurs to attend its annual Spring Meet on May 3, 2003 on the grounds of the Museum Annex at 6910 Routes 5 & 20, just east of the intersection with Route 444 from dawn till gone.

This year's event features demonstrations of operating 1930's television equipment at 10:00AM and the process of cutting an original phonograph disk at 10:30AM, an on going flea market and the annual Annex surplus equipment sale, beginning at 8:00AM. The Museum Annex, normally closed to visitors will be open for tours. The AWA Museum has preview tours starting at 1:00 PM

An equipment auction will be held at 9:30AM. Items may be submitted for auction at the meet, but to keep the auction moving the auction staff requests that all auction items have a minimum value of \$25.00. Owners will receive the sale price less a 10% commission to the AWA. Items to be auctioned should be brought to the designated tables between 8:30-9:00AM

Also new this year will be the inclusion of commercial vendors, selling goods related to the restoration and repair of antique electronics. Be sure to visit vendor's booths inside the American Legion Hall beginning at 8:00AM. Refreshments will be available in the Legion Hall throughout the day operated by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Admission is free. Flea market spaces are available to non-AWA members for \$5.00. Anyone may submit an item for auction.

The staff of the AWA museum hopes you will join us for this event, normally open to AWA members only. Anyone interested in membership in the AWA will be able to join at the meet.

Contact Bob Roberts, WA2QAU at (585) 538-9555 or by email at rrobert4@rochester.rr.com for further information.

NEXT RAG DEADLINE 6/6/03

RaRa Rag 20 Years Ago, May 1983

Ed Gable K2MP

This issue featured a full page reporting of the STPR, the Susquehanna Trail Pro Rally, and a sport car event centered on Wellsboro, PA. This article, penned by Ron Jakubowski, K2RJ, compared the radio planning and logistics to that required of the worse Civil Defense disaster. RaRa initially supported this event with most all operators, portable repeaters and powerful portable base stations. Today local PA operators make up the bulk of the hams providing needed communications. The program for the May meeting was presented jointly by Joel Swartz, KA2GAX, and Alan Komenski, AC2K, who described the *Courage Handi-Ham* system. Ed Gable, K2MP, as Chair. Of the RaRa Nominating Committee, offered the following slate for the following year: Vice-President Ray Roberts, WA2SSU, Secretary Alan Komenski, AC2K, Treasurer Bob O'Neil, KA2NBK, Directors N2DPF, WB2EFU, W2EBF, N2EH, K2RJ, KA2KGM and N2BEJ. Writing for the JCC ARC, Dave, N3CKH, was looking for ham volunteers for the 3rd annual Human Race. It must have been picnic season as RaRa announced their annual event for June 4th at Powder Mill Park while the VHF Group planned theirs for May 14th at Mendon Ponds. Speaking of the RVHFG, their new officers were Chair. Ed Mahar, WB2ZJY, VP Ed Kohl, WA2UBD and Scty/ Treasurer Joan Place KA2QHF. On May 21st the 20 meter band saw new voice expansions with Extras getting 14.150 to 14.175, Advanced Class to 14.225 and Generals 14.225 and above. Lee Van Grol, WA2YEK, writing for SKYLARC (Second area Young Ladies Amateur Radio Club) reported scheduling a luncheon on Hamfest day for YL's and OM's alike. From the Want Ads you could buy and entire station, including tower and antenna, from Klaus, DL7KX/W2. A new advertiser was Dave Strank, WD4DBF, of Ontario, NY, Offering Ham/CB and Marine equipment service, listing both a phone number or taking calls on 146.88.

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RaRa LICENSE CLASS

Ray Pickens WA2MYG

The RaRa License Class has a new home as of April 7, 2003 Jon Arney WB3LHI (a faculty member and trusty of K2GXT the RIT ARC) has arranged class rooms in building #76 on the RIT Campus for the license class, rooms For any other Amateur Radio Clubs who wish to take advantage of RIT's generosity, and a room for the RaRa VE team.

As of April 14, 2003 we had only 6 students in the CW/Tech class, 3 with 2 apparent drop-outs in the General Theory class, and 4 in the Extra Theory class. Going into the ninth week on April 14, 2003 (not counting the cancellation on March 31st). so it looks like we lost some students in the move. The scheduled May 19, 2003 class only VE session has been cancelled in favor of the scheduled RaRa Saturday AM May 17, 2003 session room 2150 in building #76 RIT.

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meat and soda, along with the plates and dinnerware. If you want to bring a dish to pass, that's great, but not required. We will have lots of fun and games as well. This Great picnic will be held on June 21st, 2003 at Ellison Park.

And for my final note, I would like to give a HUGE THANK YOU to the Officers, to the Board of Directors, and to the committee Heads, as well as to the many RaRa members that have volunteered their personal time to help others in Amateur Radio!! RaRa is very active in public service and education projects, but this is only achieved by the members, Officers, Board of Directors, and the Committee Heads Participating. Only you can make this happen...KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND THANK YOU, THANK YOU So MUCH IT REALLY DOES MEAN A LOT!!

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ROCHESTER HAMFEST FLEA MARKET - 2003

Peter Fournia W2SKY, 2003 Flea Market Chairman

Some things don't change! One of them is the Rochester Hamfest Flea Market. It is on the same days: Friday, May 30, through Sunday, June 1st and at the same time: starts Friday, at 6:00 AM and runs continuously to Sunday 4:00 PM. It still cost \$10 for each 10'x20' display space.

You still need a hamfest ticket \$9.00 at the gate (or \$7.50 before May 15). And, our flea market is still an excellent opportunity for you to sell and buy used equipment. It's still the grand daddy of amateur radio flea markets in the northeast. So, what's new? It's a new chance to get what you need and a new chance to sell something you don't need. The prices are new. Maybe you can find that bargain you've been looking for. See and learn about new equipment that will be displayed. There are new faces to meet and old friends to greet. Mark the Rochester Hamfest on your calendar now.

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HAMFEST TALK-IN

146.28/88 K2RRA/R

110.9 PL is needed for both Remote receivers the main Westfall Rd. receiver will be In open carrier but it is strongly Suggested that you program it in before hand as it's Very difficult to do wile driving.. Thank you

**DRIVE SAFELY and ENJOY
THE HAMFEST**

THANK YOU.....

Greg Michels KC2GXV

A heartfelt thank you is extended to all twenty-seven Amateur Radio operators who served in support of the recent callout and also to their families who accommodated their absence in such trying times. Operators who assisted were N2EH, WB2MDO, W1YX, KC2BTW, KB2KWO, N2KVZ, KB2ZFJ, KC2JPI, KC2ERF, WB2UTI, KA2GKM, KB2CHY, N2IXD, KC2IQV, WY7Q, N2KXS, W2SKY, W2JAT, N2JAC, KC2IMK, KB2CHP, N2NNH, N2TOC, N0PBS, WA2CER, WA2MYG and KC2GXV. Area Red Cross shelters and the Monroe County EOC were well served by operators who all stepped up to the challenge to keep the emergency net running twenty-four hours a day from Friday afternoon April 4th until the order from the EOC to stand down on Sunday evening April 6th.

COMMENTS FROM READERS....

From the Editor

Below is a correction for the next RaRa RAG. It is intended to inform readers of a different 12 volt connector that is in use by ARRL, ARES and RACES. Four people have suggested this correction: N2USB, N2KXS, K C 2 G X V , a n d W 1 Y X .

RaRa Readers should note that the 12 volt connector mentioned in the April RaRa RAG is NOT recommended by lead amateur radio organizations. The ARRL Emergency Communication course and may RACES/ARES organizations recommend the Anderson Powerpole connectors. Otherwise the article was very good to point out the reasons for standardizing power connectors. Several local hams had switched to the Anderson Powerpole connectors and put their equipment to use at Rochester Red Cross shelters during the ice storm of 2003. Reasons for this selection and sources of connectors www.ares-races.org/equ.html

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Dwight Hill K2KWK

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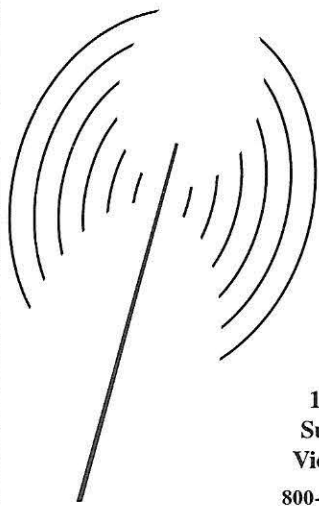
On Sunday nights, bulletins and the Monroe County FM Net are held to keep the local gang informed and to test equipment. Bulletins begin around 8:20pm with the "Newline 2002/2003" brought by Ray, WA2MYG. They continue with the "Hilltop Bulletin" from Dwight, K2KWK at 8:45pm. These weekly features alternate from Sunday to Sunday on local repeaters. When they appear on the 146.88 system of the RRRA, they are also linked to the mega-repeaters of Bob, N2HJD on nine amateur bands. On the alternate Sundays they use the K2SA repeater of The Genesee Repeater Association on 146.79.

Tuesday bulletin sessions begin at 8:00pm with the same features from WA2MYG and K2KWK. They appear on the Bristol Mtn. repeater, WR2AHL, 145.110 (pl tone 110.9 required) of Mike, W2HYP. That is linked up full time to the repeater of Greg, KE2VW, operating on 146.67 (pl tone 107.2 required) from a very high location south of the communities of Dunkirk and Fredonia. These two systems enable hams from Syracuse to Erie, PA to hear bulletins that include selected stories from the ARRL Letter and ARRL web site.

News items of interest to radio amateurs are welcome and can be sent to K2KWK at <k2kwk@arrl.net>. ARRL Bulletin Stations in Western New York include John, WA2U in the Syracuse area who also sends out voice bulletins in his Central NY Bulletin Service Sundays and Tuesdays. Listeners can reach him by email at <WA2U@arrl.net>

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